

## NO CHANGES IN FOREST POLICY

PRESIDENT TAFT IN ENTIRE SYM-  
PATHY WITH WORK IN  
PROGRESS.

### MANY FALSE RUMORS AFLOAT

PINCHOT DENIES THAT LARGE  
AREAS ARE TO BE THROWN  
OUT OF NATIONAL FORESTS

### BASELESS CHARGES REFUTED

ANY AGRICULTURAL LAND ON  
BOUNDARIES TO BE RE-  
STORED TO ENTRY.

Washington, April 21.—President Taft's entire sympathy with the forest reserve and conservation policies is announced and stories that vast areas are to be taken away from the national forests are denied in a statement regarding the administration attitude issued today by Gifford Pinchot. Pinchot's statement says: "Any statement that President Taft is not in sympathy with the forestry and conservation movement is without foundation. On the contrary, I am authorized by the president to say that he is in sympathy and stands behind the conservation policy as announced. I am also authorized by the president to deny categorically the story that large areas are to be thrown out of the national forests by presidential proclamation. The only basis for such rumor lies in the plans announced by the forest service several months ago, that provide for the examination and mapping of boundaries of the national forests and the character of the land.

"Repeated charges, known to be baseless, have been made that the national forests contain vast areas of agricultural land. Whatever agricultural land may be found along the boundaries will be restored to entry, for one of the strongest desires of the forest service is that the agricultural lands be restored. I have been interested but not surprised by the persistent circulation of these rumors. President Taft's statement to me, coupled with the authority to make it public, should set at rest the rumors for good. Friends of these movements should recognize our obligation to the president for prompt and direct support."

### CHARGES OF GRAFT IN HAWAIIAN HOUSE

Honolulu, April 21.—Charges of graft have been preferred in the house of representatives and a demand for an investigation has been made. The graft is said to be of a petty sort. It is charged that some of the members have turned a thrifty penny, translating English bills into Hawaiian and that some have gone so far as to introduce bills for the purpose of having something to translate.

#### Argue for New Trial.

Nashville, Tenn., April 21.—Arguments for a new trial of the Cooper case were begun today. Colonel Cooper and son, Robin, found guilty and sentenced to twenty years in prison for killing Senator Carmack, were in court early.

### ROOSEVELT FINALLY ARRIVES AT AFRICA

Mombasa, April 21.—The steamer Admiral, with the Roosevelt party aboard, was sighted off port this morning.

#### On Record Time.

The steamer Admiral arrived at Mombasa on scheduled time and

Roosevelt will today land in Africa, to begin a hunting and collecting expedition north to Egypt. Roosevelt will be welcomed at Mombasa by acting Governor Jackson, who has received special instructions from King Edward to show every consideration to the traveler. The Roosevelt party will leave Mombasa tomorrow for the ranch of Sir Alfred Pease, when the start will be made.

#### Gallagher Cross-Examined.

San Francisco, April 21.—James L. Gallagher, once chairman of the Schmidt board of supervisors, regarded as the chief witness against Patrick Calhoun, president of the United Railways, on trial on the charge of offering a bribe, was passed to the defense for cross-examination today. From the short direct questioning it became evident that Heney wished to restrict the cross-examination.

#### May End Trouble.

Philadelphia, April 21.—President Lewis of the Mine Workers' union, and three anthracite district presidents, called on President Baer of the Reading company today. Lewis says he has a plan to end the labor troubles and this gave rise to the report that a settlement is in sight.

### BOILERMAKER WILL FIGHT UNLIMITED NUMBER OF ROUNDS

WHITE MAN AND NEGRO WILL  
DECIDE SUPREMACY IN  
FINISH FIGHT.

Jeffries Declares Before Wild Au-  
dience He Can Get in Condition and  
Will Defend Title of Heavyweight.

New York, April 21.—Bedlam reigned in the American music hall last night, when James J. Jeffries announced that he will fight Johnson for the heavyweight title. The house was packed to the doors. Thousands waited in the streets unable to enter. At the close of the sparring exhibition, Jeffries came to the footlights in response to the cheers of the crowd and said:

"I will fight Jack Johnson. I will defend my title of the undefeated champion of the world." The announcement was met with wild yells and hats were thrown in the air. After the interruptions Jeffries said he is satisfied that he can get into as good condition as ever. The big fellow could not say more because the auditorium became a bedlam.

Jeffries said Johnson must first whip Ketchel. He says he will not sign articles for possibly ten months and that the fight must take place in this country and be of an unlimited number of rounds.

#### Visit Optic Office.

One of the classes of the Normal university, composed of young ladies, and chaperoned by Prof. J. S. Hoffer, visited The Optic office late yesterday afternoon and inspected the linotype machines and presses. The aggregation of beauty rather embarrassed and demoralized the force for a few minutes, but it soon recovered. The class was on an educational trip over the city.

### ASSOCIATED PRESS ELECTS DIRECTORS

New York, April 21.—At the annual meeting of the Associated Press, Thomas G. Rapier of the New Orleans Picayune, Victor F. Lawson of the Chicago News, Herman Ridder of the New York Staats Zeitung, Harvey W. Scott of the Portland Oregonian, Charles H. Taylor of the Boston Globe and Rufus N. Rhoads of the Birmingham News were elected directors.

A resolution was adopted to consider the report of a select committee, recommending an extension of all tariff on ground wool and a reduction of from \$6 to \$3 a ton on all news print paper with the view of a permanent supply of print paper to be assured to the publishing industry. The resolution is non-partisan.

## GUNS TURNED LOOSE ON VESSEL

DOMINION GOVERNMENT CRUIS-  
ER FIRES ON AMERICAN  
FISHING BOAT.

### SCHOONER SLIGHTLY INJURED

CAPTAIN DID NOT SURRENDER  
UNTIL THE DECKS WERE  
BOARDED BY BRITISHERS.

### ALLEGES BOAT WAS POACHING

CAPTAIN OF WARSHIP SAYS THAT  
FISHERMEN WERE WITHIN  
CANADIAN WATERS.

Vancouver, April 21.—The Dominion government cruiser Kestrel arrived in port today having in charge the American halibut fishing schooner Charles Levi Woodbury, which she captured after firing four rounds from a machine gun and threatening to sink the alleged poaching vessel unless she surrendered. Three volleys were intended as a warning, but no attention was paid. The fourth struck and slightly damaged the schooner. The American captain did not surrender until the schooner was boarded by a force from the cruiser.

The action took place Sunday afternoon in waters alleged to be contiguous to Canada. Captain Newcomb of the Kestrel declared that if he ever had a clear case against an American vessel, this is the one. He declares that Sunday afternoon he sighted the American vessel between Haycock Islands. The islands are five miles apart and Newcomb figures that the vessel could not have been more than two and a half miles from either shore. Captain Sinclair of the Woodbury did not notice the arrival of the Kestrel until the gunboat was within about three miles.

The American ran along picking up the fishing dories, the fishermen cutting their gear, not stopping to pull up a fathom. In twenty minutes the dory was up and the Woodbury was working under motor power, pulling for the Pacific highlands. The cruiser gradually overhauled the schooner and the capture was made.

## THOUSAND TONS OF ICE PASSING OVER BIG FALLS EVERY SECOND

Niagara Falls, April 21.—Thousands of tons of ice piled in the mouth of the Niagara river, where it flows into Lake Ontario, today threatens the Lewiston suspension bridge, which is 85 feet above the normal level of the river. Moving ponderously before the tremendous pressure of the water, the mass is slicing off the river embankment and threatens damage to hotels on the bank ordinarily above high water mark.

The situation here, because of ice in the river, is perilous and Col. James R. Price of the United States engineer corps, says he can see no relief. He declares that dynamite will do no more good than if it was exploded in soft dirt. The ice is passing over the falls at the rate of a thousand tons a second. The ice at the mouth of the river is 75 inches thick.

Chicago, April 21.—James A. Patten, the bull leader in wheat, left the city today, possibly to inspect the wheat outlook, particularly as it bears on the amount of wheat which may be delivered to him on July contracts. Patten's departure was quietly accomplished and few knew of it. He was accompanied by an expert and it is believed he will inspect the winter

## RICH TURKS FLEE FROM CAPITAL

CONSTITUTIONAL ARMY PRACTI-  
CALLY AT THE GATES OF  
THE CITY.

### CONSTANTINOPLE IN UPROAR

SULTAN IS OUTWARDLY CALM  
AND, AWAITS DEVELOP-  
MENTS QUIETLY.

### FIRST ARMY CORPS WON OVER

GARRISON FORCE OF CITY JOINS  
CAUSE OF THE INVEST-  
ING FORCES.

Constantinople, April 21.—The lines of the constitutional army are drawing closer and the advance guard of the Macedonians is practically at the gate of the city. Negotiations for a peaceful settlement are proceeding with high hope of success and there is increasing evidence that there will be no violence.

Everything is quiet at Yildiz palace. The sultan is outwardly calm and is awaiting developments quietly. The first army corps, which garrisons Constantinople, has been won over to the investing army. Various units of corps are taking oaths to obey their superiors and not mix in politics or interfere with measures adopted for the punishment of those guilty of starting the revolt of last week. A general exodus of civilians has begun for fear of violence. Hundreds and probably thousands of wealthy Turks are leaving Constantinople with their families today in addition to the Europeans leaving.

There is much panic in the harems where reports of street fights have caused an epidemic of fear to spread. Issett Paasha has handled the affairs so deftly that the whole of the first army corps has been won over to the constitutional army.

#### Cabinet Meets.

Constantinople, April 21.—The advance guard of the constitutional army has arrived at the outskirts of the city. The cabinet will meet this afternoon to proclaim martial law in the capital.

#### May Remain Sultan.

London, April 21.—A special dispatch from Constantinople says that

a definite agreement between the government and the committee of Union and Progress has been concluded. Abdul Hamid remains sultan but the present cabinet will resign immediately.

#### Country a Wilderness.

London, April 21.—A dispatch from Athens says that telegrams from Mersina set forth that fully ten thousand persons were killed in the anti-Christian riots in the Adana and Tarsus districts. The country is a smoking wilderness.

#### Heavy Snow at Denver.

Denver, April 21.—Nearly two inches of snow fell last night and more is predicted for today and tomorrow. This is the eighth day in April to have snow. It is reported that the fruit growers are building smudges to save their fruit crop.

#### Divorce Granted.

Chief Justice W. J. Mills has granted Mrs. Rosaria Gomez, of Raton, a decree of divorce from her liege lord, Geronimo Gomez. The couple were married October, 1894, and lived happily enough together till 1898, when he deserted her and has been absent ever since. A sixteen-year-old son was given to the mother by the court.

## PLAN ORIGINATED FOR UNIQUE SHOT GUN TOURNAMENT

CLUBS OF NEW MEXICO, ARIZONA  
AND WESTERN TEXAS TO  
COMPETE.

Each Club Will Select a Team of Five  
Men and Put up \$7.50 and Organi-  
zation Making High Score Take Pot.

W. H. Shelton, general manager of the Shelton-Payne Arms company and secretary of the El Paso Gun club, has originated a plan for a unique gun tournament and has written to Ben Strickfadden, secretary of the Las Vegas Gun club for the co-operation of the local organization. It is for sport only but it also has for its purpose the bringing together in closer fraternity the shotgun artists of New Mexico, Arizona and western Texas.

He suggests that the gun clubs of Tucson, Globe, Clifton, Douglas, Deming, Albuquerque, Las Vegas, Raton, Santa Fe, Winslow, Phoenix, Tucuman, Amarillo and El Paso select a team of five men each and that the organizations put up \$7.50 per team. All the teams are then to shoot at 50 targets per man, as near as possible on the same date, deduct the cost of the targets, leaving the balance on hand to be won by the team making the high score. In other words the team making the high score will take the entire pot, less the cost of the targets. The targets cost at El Paso \$3.75 for 250, but probably in some of the towns the cost would amount to \$5, but each shooter would be paying the same amount.

The El Paso Gun club is enthusiastic over the proposition and if the first shoot goes through it is proposed to hold one every month. It is believed that competition will be close as nearly every club in the proposed association has five exceptionally good shots.

The matter has not yet been taken up officially with the local gun club.

## WOOL GROWERS OFFER REWARD FOR MURDERER

Cheyenne, Wyo., April 21.—The National Wool Growers' association has thrown its influence into the search for the men who raided the sheep camp on the Big Horn and killed three sheep men recently. A reward of a thousand dollars is offered, being the first time that an outside organization has entered the field in a search for lawbreakers in this state.

#### Injuries Prove Fatal.

News reaches this city that Jose Albino Baca was thrown from his wagon at Rowe yesterday and sustained injuries that proved fatal. He was about 30 years of age, quite generally and favorably known, and survived by a wife and two children.

## GOVERNMENT TO PROBE PLOT

WILL BRING TO LIGHT FULL PAR-  
TICULARS OF INTERNATIONAL  
SMUGGLING SCHEME.

### NAMES WILL BECOME KNOWN

TREMENDOUS POLITICAL PRESS-  
URE BROUGHT TO BEAR TO  
HAVE CASE DROPPED.

### WISH TO PAY FOR DRESSES

GUILTY PARTIES OFFER TO SEE  
THAT GOVERNMENT IS REIM-  
BURSED FOR SEIZED GOODS.

New York, April 21.—The government probe of the international smuggling plot in which the name of Miss Nellie Grant was wrongfully used, has dug so deeply that tremendous political pressure has been brought to bear on the treasury department to drop it. Not only are many Fifth avenue dressmakers and society women said to be involved, but the names of several politicians are mentioned. As a consequence Collector of the Port Loeb has hurried to Washington to confer with Secretary MacVeagh.

"If I am promised secrecy will it be possible for me to see that the government is re-imbursement for the seized trunks?" the collector was asked over a telephone. The man received a negative reply. The facts are in possession of the collector and subpoenas will be issued soon and the names of prominent persons will become known. Three trunks filled with rich gowns form the center of the plot. The value of the goods is estimated at in the thousands.

## WEBER AND FIELDS TO COME TO THIS CITY

James S. Duncan, Jr., manager of the Duncan opera house, is today in receipt of certain communications from the representatives of Weber and Fields, which they wish to "Whirl-i-gig," which they wish to present in this city on May 18 with Mr. Fields own company, who will at that time be en route to the Pacific coast. A greater musical production than "Whirl-i-gig," has never been written and the able manner in which such a company as Mr. Fields carries to presents this piece will certainly give the theater-goers of Las Vegas a rare treat. Mr. Duncan, by his hard-working and energetic manner to secure these high class attractions, has made himself exceedingly popular with the patrons of his house, and no doubt he will be well supported in his great effort to make "Whirl-i-gig" the biggest success of the closing season for this year.

#### Fine Machine Installed.

Charles J. Malley, the electrician, this morning installed in the barber shop of A. L. Gump on Center street, the finest Hygienic Vacuum massage machine that is manufactured in the country and there is probably not another like it in the territory, and but few in the southwest. It is manufactured by the Koken Barbers' Supply company of St. Louis.

The machine runs by electricity although the work is done by means of compressed air. A number of various sized vibrators can be attached. Besides there are vacuum cups for various purposes and the suction can be regulated so that a cup will almost draw blood through the skin or can hardly be felt. There are special scalp cleaning attachments. It also furnishes cold and hot air for drying the face and operates an atomizer. Altogether it is one of the most complete and convenient massage machines which has ever been made for the barber trade.